

REMARKS

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 1, 3-8 and 15-18 remain pending in the application. Claim 1 has been amended by incorporating the features of previous claim 2 into claim 1. No new matter is introduced as a result of this Amendment.

Applicants note the Examiner's statement in the Office Action dated March 17, 2006, that claims 2-8 were free of the art. Applicants have amended claim 1 by incorporating all of the feature of previous claim 2 (which depended from claim 1) into claim 1. Claim 1 is thus believed to be free of the art and allowable. Since the remaining claims all ultimately depend from claim 1, the remaining claims are also believed to be free of the art and allowable. Moreover, the rejections of the claims under 35 U.S.C. §§ 102 and 103 based on the Peter patent are overcome.

Because all of the rejections have been overcome, Applicants earnestly solicit a Notice of Allowance.

No Fee is believed to be due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment in fees to Deposit Account No. 05-0221.

Respectfully submitted,



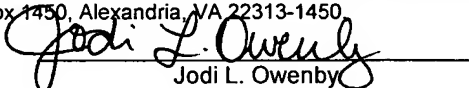
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